REMARKS

The Examiner's comments together with the cited references have been carefully studied. Favorable reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Claims 15 – 17 are allowed. Claims 18 – 22 are new.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 15 – 17. Claims 18 – 22 are consistent with the Examiners reasons for allowance. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

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